MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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MINUTES

of the

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association

Held With

OAKLAND REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCH

Newton County, Miss.

September 18th, 19th and 20th, 1920.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING:

Sulphur Springs Church, Scott County, Miss., Saturday Before the Third Lord's Day in September, 1921.

OFFICERS:

Wm. YARBROUGH.....Moderator
Lawrence, Miss.

W. J. McMULLAN.....Clerk
Newton, Miss.

J. E. GRAHAM.....Treasurer
Decatur, Miss.

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PROCEEDINGS

Of the Eighty-Third Annual Session of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Association.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met with Oakland church, September 18, 1920.

At 11 o'clock A. M., the appointee, Elder W. L. Collins, preached the introductory sermon, text, John 15-17. The message was well received by a large and appreciative congregation.

The congregation was dismissed one hour for refreshments.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:30 P. M., after song and prayer, lead by R. L. Breland, the moderator declared the body ready for business, when the following committees were appointed:

On Digest—W. R. Moore, T. H. Sims, J. I. Robinson.

Finance—J. R. Sansing, John Blass, S. M. Warren.

Three churches asked for admission to the body, namely: Providence, Cedar Grove and Rock Hill.

The time having come for the election of officrs, it was moved that the old officrs be re-elected by acclamation, and the vote carried unanimously. Wm. Yarborough, moderator; W. J. McMullan, clerk; and J. E. Graham, treasurer; were declared elected for the ensuing year.

Corresponding messengers called for: R. L. Breland, from Louisville; M. W. Langham, from Oktibbeha Association; H. T. McLaurin, H. B. Harrison, from Bay Springs; J. W. Rooker, corresponding secretary, of General Association, and Jones County Association; and W. Y. Chrisenberg, from Richmond Board.

The following committees were appointed:

On Preaching—C. C. Roebuck, T. L. Gaines, John Phillips and deacons and pastor of Oakland church.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence—W. H. Rayner, T. A. Sims, H. O. White.

Missions—J. W. Rooker, J. S. Laird, E. W. Wedgeworth.

Sunday School—M. B. Potter.

Obituaries—D. B. Cannon.

Publications—F. M. Mann.

Orphanage—J. C. Blass, H. C. Rush.

Temperance—W. L. Grafton, T. J. Smith.

Christian Education—H. T. McLaurin, D. B. Cannon.

Baptist Hospitals—T. A. Sims.

Queries and Requests—C. W. McMullan, W. L. Collins, W. L. Robinson.

W. M. U.—Mrs. F. D. Gibson.

Committee on Annual Sermon for 1924—J. E. Graham, W. L. Collins, J. R. Sansing, C. C. Roebuck.

Pending report of digest committee, W. Y. Chrisenberg delivered a lecture on conditions in China, after which the convention adjourned to Sunday morning at 10:30.

SUNDAY—MORNING SESSION.

At 10:30 A. M., prayer service conducted by E. C.

Hendrix. At 11 A. M., annual sermon on missions by Brother J. W. Rooker; subject, "Sowing and Reaping." A great strengthening discourse of one hour, after which, prayer, led by Dr. Patterson, and song, "I'll go where you want me to go." A collection for missions was taken. Also preaching in school house by Brother H. F. McLawson, at 11 A. M. Congregation dismissed for refreshments.

SUNDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convened at 1:40 P. M. The stand in the church occupied by Dr. J. B. Lawrence and preaching at school house at 1:30 by G. M. May.

Association adjourned untill night services, 7:30 P. M. Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. convention president made annual report on work done during the year—after some discussion report was received.

Adjourned to meet at 8:30 Monday morning.

Digest committee reports the following churches and delegates, namely:

Beulah—J. E. Graham, T. A. Sims, M. Harrison, H. O. White.

Beat Line—T. W. Allgood, I. A. Leach.

Bluff Springs—J. A. Boler, G. W. Tidwell.

Cross Roads—W. F. Mann, Dalton Russell.

Chunky—T. J. Smith, E. B. Barber, M. G. Tatum, C. L. Jones.

Center Ridge—S. E. Gilbert, V. R. Clearman.

Cedar Grove—W. W. Skinner, James Mayes.

County Line—J. R. Sansing, J. R. Richardson.

Decatur—T. L. Gaines, Marion McMullan, R. H. Day.

Dixon—J. A. Gardner, T. C. Lewis.

Ebenezer (Newton County)—J. I. Robinson, John Phillips.

Ephesus—G. W. Gardner, J. D. Myers.

Good Hope (Scott County)—Lee Graham, L. Gordy, E. May.

Good Hope (Newton County)—W. C. Williams, Jim Barber.

Hopewell—H. L. Madden, A. L. Scott, J. B. Williamson.

Hazel—H. C. Rush, F. Kelly.

Hebron—I. H. McMahan, W. F. Laird.

High Hill—N. O. Hudson, R. L. Garrison.

Hickory—C. P. Gibbon, J. O. Robinson, C. Chapman, J. A. Brown.

Little Rock—J. W.Smith,W.M.White.

Lawrence—

Mt. Sinai—B. F. Rhodes, J. R. Breland.

Midway—W. J. McMullan, J. D. Norman.

Mt. Pleasant—A. H. Armstrong, F. W. Gunn, D. B. Cannon.

New Prospect—V. B. Morrow, Billie Brown.

New Providence—Frank Lindley, Jim Graham.

New Island—By letter.

Neshoba—R. B. Vance, G. G. Chipman.

New Black Jack—W. L. Goldman, T. F. Cooper.

Oakland—W. J. Giles, T. E. Johnson.

Oak Grove—W. G. Foster.

Poplar—B. F. Coats, C. M. Addy.

Pinkney—C. C. Roebuck, A. J. Gordon.

Pine Bluff—Andy May, E. D. Wedgeworth.

Pine Ridge—W. H. Cagle, A. O. Melton.

Pleasant Ridge—W. L. Robinson, C. A. McGee.

Pleasant Hill—T. D. Pace, W. E. Cartlege.

Providence—

Rock Hill—W. L. Martin, Lillie Giles.

Rock Branch—J. F. Harper, H. L. Laird, Vesper Cleveland.

Salem—Willie Graham.

Sulphur Springs—Rush Turner, W. W. Graham.

Sand Spring—J. M. Williams, Roy Goodson.

Stratton—W. H. Rowzee, Alice Tucker.

Sardis—S. M. Warren, W. L. Grafton.

Union (Scott County)—O. W. Townson, J. R. Burnham.

Union (Newton County)—W. L. Collins, W. R. Moore, W. A. James, R. E. Fancher, Mamie Taylor.

MONDAY—MORNING SESSION.

Scriptural lesson by the moderator, prayer led by J. S. Laird, rules of decorum read, roll of delegates called, after which the moderator called for business.

Messengers to the General Association appointed as follows: Wm. Yarborough, H. O. White, J. R. Sansing, C. C. Roebuck, G. M. May, M. R. Jones, W. R. Moore, S. M. Warren, J. S. Laird, J. D. Graham, R. K. Cleveland, R. L. Ganison, A. L. Scott, W. J. McMullan, T. A. Sims, L. Parks, T. E. Johnson, W. W. Skinner, J. M. Rushing, T. F. Cooper, W. L. Golden, D. B. Cannon, W. L. Grafton, J. L. Robinson, H. L. Walden, J. M. Williams, Lee Graham, T. J. Smith.

Oktibbeha Association: J. S. Laird, W. H. Rainer.

Harmony Association: D. B. Cannon, W. L. Golden.

Bay Springs Association: E. D. Wedgeworth.

State Convention: W. L. Grafton.

Southern Baptist Convention: R. K. Cleveland and D. B. Cannon, alternate.

Reports of committies called for. Missions read by W. L. Grafton, discussed by J. S. Laird, R. K. Cleveland, H. O. White, W. J. McMullan, H. T. McLaurin, adopted as read. See No. 1. Sunday school read by W. L. Grafton, discussed by J. E. Graham, adopted. See No. 2.

Motion carried, That all speeches be limited to five minutes.

Publications read by F. M. Mann. Adopted. See No. 3.

Orphanage adopted as read. See No. 4. Collection for same, $12.65.

Temperance read by W. L. Grafton. See No. 5.

Baptist Hospital read by T. A. Sims. Adopted. See No. 6.

Queries and Requests read by C. W. McMullan. Adopted. See No. 7.

The convention adjourned to 1:30 for refreshments.

MONDAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

House called to ordeer promptly at 1:30 P. M. and resumed work.

Motion carried that the clerk be authorized to write letters of dismission for churches wanting to join county associations.

State of religion and fraternal correspondence read by W. H. Rainer. See No. 8.

Christian Education, read by H. T. McLaurin and discussed by F. W. Gunn and adopted. See No. 9.

Convention, Sunday school, and B. Y. P. U., by J. A. Gardner. Adopted. See No. 10.

Obituaries read by W. J. McMullan. Adopted. See No. 11.

Motion carried that eulogy on Brother Taylor, by R. L. Breland be inserted in the minutes.

Finance committee reports read by S. M. Warren. Adopted. See No. 12.

Motion made that the clerk have made, forms of church letters to the Mt. Pisgah association, and distribute same to the churches for use next year, and we urgently request that the churches use the same in making their reports to the association.

Resolution offered and carried that at the next meeting of the association we dispense with the reading of the church letters, but they be turned over to a digest committee, and the finances to a committee, thence to the treasurer, the same as was done at this meeting.

Motion carried that the Sunday school work be conducted next year as this year, Sunday services be devoted to Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. work.

Resolutions.

Motion carried that resolutions Nos. 1 and 2 be made permanent.

1. That the clerk be instructed to have the proceedings of this meeting printed where he can get the work most neatly and promptly done, paying for same, when so done and approved by him, and that he distribute them among the churches as soon as possible, drawing on the treasurer for his usual salary, printer's fee, and postage, reserving a sufficient number of copies for distribution.

2. That all money on hand for the Orphanage be sent direct to the Baptist Orphanage at Jackson, Miss., by O. K. of the treasurer, and all funds on hand, after the expenses of this association have been met, be sent to the General Association.

3. That we extend our sincere thanks to Oakland church and the entire community for their kind and generous entertainment of the association.

4. That we now adjourn to meet with Sulphur Springs church, Scott County, Mississippi, Saturday before the third Lord's day in September, 1921.

While singing "Sweet By-and-By," the parting hand was given and a fervent prayer in behalf of the body and its work, closed a harmonious session of the association.

Wm. YARBOROUGH, Moderator.
W. J. McMULLAN, Clerk.

State of Religion and Fraternal Correspondence With the Churches.

Dear Brethren and Sisters of the Mt. Pisgah Association: Through Divine Providence, the grand old body of the Mt. Pisgah association is now in her eighty-third annual session with Oakland church, and we greet you in fellowship and christian love. The weather has been favorable, the church and community has been very kind and generous in entertainment, the preaching has been sound and orthodox, all the churches have preaching this year, and are represented in the association.

As to the state of religion, we think it not what it should be. We are in a great period of recon-

struction and fear that religion is not doing its part in readjusting matters as it should, as we see it. We have too many isms and cisms and high-pressure methods used, and we believe many have been brought into our churches that have never known the saving power of God's Grace. Hence, we should impress upon the minds and hearts of every one that ye must be born again. May the Lord help us to strive more earnestly to maintain the true standard of the christian religion.

W. H. RAINER.
T. A. SIMS.
H. O. WHITE.

COMMITTEE ON PREACHING.

We, your committee, on preaching, make the following report for Sunday services: 10:30 A. M., prayer service, by E. C. Hendrix; 11 A. M., annual sermon on missions, by J. W. Rooker, in the church, and at 11, at the school house, by H. T. McLaurin; 1:30 P. M., Sunday school report and B. Y. P. U. convention, in the church, and 1:30, preaching at the school house, by G. M. May; 7:30 P. M., at church, sermon by J. B. Lawrence.

C. C. ROEBUCK, Clerk.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

We, your committee, to write report on Sunday school, submit the following:

We are glad to report that many of our churches are supporting and sustaining thriving Sunday schools and that the spiritual atmosphere of the Sunday school is a great deal stronger than at this time twelve months ago—many baptisms having been reported from the Sunday school. We earnestly beg all mothers and fathers to heed the admonition given by Solomon to "Train up a child the way it should go and when it is old it will not depart from it." Your children

are looking to you for guidance. Will you not be earnest and cautious about which way you are training their little feet to go? There are only two ways, the broadway that leads to destruction, and the straight and narrow way that leads to life everlasting and to a home of joy and peace.

We know of no better place to train them than in the Sunday school.

We earnestly beg you to go and take your children to Sunday school and not to send them alone.

Submitted,

M. B. POTTER, Chairman.

PUBLICATION.

We, your committee, beg to submit the following: In the Book of Books we read, My people are destroyed for the lack of knowledge.

This is just as true to-day as in the days of old.

One of the crimes of the age is ignorance of God's word and God's work.

James tells us those will be saved who know and do the will of God.

Then something depends on knowing as well as doing.

King Solomon says in all thy gettings, get wisdom—wisdom is better than gold. Yea much find gold.

Printing is one of the best means in the world of creating sentiment and establishing and moulding opinion.

In childhood we are forming our characters on which the future man or woman is to be built, and you just as well let them keep bad company as to read bad books or trashy literature.

A child's mind is like untilled earth, unless you cultivate it into a beautiful garden, it will spring up in weeds and flowers of a wild growth. Teach a child how to think, and it will soon learn what to think. It is as necessary for the child's mind to have food for its development as it is for the body to have food for the development of the muscles. A child's mind is very active, and it makes no difference whether we attend to it or not, this developing process must go on, and if we fail to instruct them right, other persons and other influences will not fail to teach them wrong.

In this enlightened age, with our wide world of books,

for anyone to grow up as ignorant as nature will let him be, is a voluntary misfortune. First of all the Bible should be read and practiced by all.

It is not commendable to claim to be a follower of Jesus Christ and not read his Holy word.

It is true the Bible does not deal extensively in the intricacies, mysteries of the physical science, yet it is the true index to man's advancement in the study of human psychology. In all the wide world of books, where can you find one so well suited to the wants of men. So impartial in its denunciations, and promices. It has God for its author, salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture of error for its matter. No where can we place ourselves in so close a relation with God, as when a desire to learn more of Him, we study His holy word. Destroy this sacred volume and you envelope us in a cloud of darkness.

A nation's civilization must be ephemeral when she tramples revelations under her feet.

The things of India, and the war-like New Zelanders, way-laying, and murdering strangers and regarding God as some great man-eater. The Bible is the remedy for those great disorders.

Moses in his code of law, simply chisled out for us our republican form of government. Man cannot claim to be author of our republican form of government. To the great Deity alone is such honors due.

The Baptist Standard and the Baptist Record gives us our Baptist work, and should be read by our people. The Home and Foreign Field, the consolidated organ of thee two mission boards should be read. The Orphanage Gem should be in every home.

Liberal use of tracts, which teach the truth, should be used. We recommend the Southern Baptist literature to be used in our Sunday schools.

The most eloquent ministers, the most destinguished warriors, and the greatest statesmen of the earth owe their greatness to such fostering influence as the Bible and good literature. Study to show thyself approved unto God.

Submitted,

M. F. MANN.

J. B. GIBBON.

BAPTIST HOSPITALS.

While our Savior was on earth he healed the bodies of men and women as well as their souls. So he was not only a friend to the spiritual man, but to the physical man also. Matthew 8-7-12;10 and 14:4. Our Savior not only healed while on earth, but gave his disciples power to heal. Matthew 10:8. Luke 9:2 and 10:9. James says pure religion and undefiled before God is to visit the fatherless and the widow in their afflictions and to keep himself unspotted from the world. Our government has caught the spirit and come to see and realize the great need of caring for the sick, and is spending the thousands of dollars building and maintaining sanitary hospitals all over our country.

The Catholics long ago, saw that this was one of the ways by which they could rapidly propagate their doctrine. Baptists have been slow to take up this part of our teaching, but to-day we are seeing the need and are doing big things along this phase of the kingdom. To-day there are a dozen or more of Baptist hospitals and sanitariums in the Southern Baptist Convention territory. Mississippi Baptists are especially interested in the Baptist hospital in Jackson, Miss., and the Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. The one in Jackson has been and is being the means, under God and the efficient workers, nurses and doctors of restoring hundreds of suffering men and women to strong, vigorous health. The one in Memphis is also doing a great work in carrying that part of our Lord's command. One feature of the work done, we would especially mention, is the charity work which means to do for you that which you cannot do for yourself.

Submitted,

T. A. SIMS, Chairman.

REPORT ON MISSIONS.

Foreign Mission.

The Master said: "Go ye into all the world." He said also, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me unto the utmost parts of the earth." Going into all the world and witnessing for Jesus is the business of every follower of the lonely Jesus. The foreign mission work is under the supervision of the

foreign mission board which is located at Richmond, Va. The work is done on the field by men and women who have heard the Macedonian cry from the thousands in foreign lands who are lost in sin.

Southern Baptists have at present 542 organized churches on foreign lands. There were 6,834 baptisms on the field last year. The membership these churches now have numbers 57,438. The per capita contributions of these members last year amounted to $4.22.

There are 544 schools of all grades maintained on the foreign field, with a total enrollment of 18514 pupils. Great opportunities are afforded in these schools to plant the word of God in the fertile minds of the youths that it may spring up and bring fourth fruit to these homes and glory of God.

There are a number of medical missionaries on the field administering to physical needs of the body and by so doing gaining the confidence of the patient, and then administering to the spiritual needs. 205,098 patients were treated last year.

There were 65 new missionaries appointed by the board last year.

Home Mission.

This work is carried on and supervised by the home board, located at Atlanta, Ga. This work is carried on in the southern states and Canada. It is done by co-operation with state boards and through evangelism. There were large numbers brought into the churches last year through the work of these consecrated workers. We heartily commend the work of the home board to our churches and urge that they be liberal in their support of the work.

State Missions.

This work in our part of the state is under the supervision of the general association and its board, and consists in supplying destitute places where there are no churches and supplementing pastors' salaries where churches are not able to have preaching without assistance and aiding in building church houses. State mission is the basis of all mission work. Unless we are strong at home and have a good foundation on which to build, we cannot reach out a helping hand to

our fellowman beyond our own borders. Therefore, we would recommend that first of all, we shall lay our hearts to the task of developing ourselves, clearing up our lenses that we be better able to see the needs of those beyond our borders. If we expect our board to do a great work, we must provide the means for this executing of the work.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. ROOKER.
J. S. LAIRD.
E. W. WEDGEWORTH
Committee.

TEMPERANCE.

The word temperance means to be temperate in all things - that is to do and say just enough. We can be intemperate in things allowable- as working and eating. It is pleasing to God for us to eat and drink only such things as are allowable in a temperate way. Our hearts are overflowing with joy, because of the fact that our great country is a prohibition country. Because of the faithful work of christian people and others, through our lawmaking power, the Demon drink is gone. Now because of this achievement, we are so thankful that we feel like saying with the psalmist: "Praise God from whom all blessings flow."

Now, as we have driven out the evil drink as a public sale, it becomes our duty to drive out the blind tiger, which is a great evil in our country. Soft drinks, such as coca-cola, etc., are great evils in our country, an evil that we should fight against. Submitted.

W. L. GRAFTON.

OBITUARIES.

Your committee on obituaries finds that in the past year God has called from us a number of Brethren and Sisters Among them are the following: Brothers T. G. Coker Charles Graham, C. R. Barber, T. D. Gordon, B. Cleveland J. F. Brown, B. M. White, Avis Elam; Rev. H. C. Taylor, Dr D. W. Hall, R. G. Cooper, W. W. Jenkins.

Sisters Myrtle Graham, Elizabeth Harris, Alice Mann, Lucy Harrison, Edna Laird, Ida Johnson, T. B. Bryant, Fronie Butts, Safrona Emmons, Mattie James.

We bow in submission to the will of our Heavenly Father.

D. B. CANNON, Chairman.

Rev. H. C. Taylor, Eulogy.

From an address by R. L. Breland, before the Mt. Pisgah association and ordered printed in the minutes.)

My brethren, death has knocked at our door since the last meeting of this body and called from our midst our beloved brother and fellow minister, Rev. H. C. Taylor, of Union, Miss. Indeed, has one of God's choice noblemen fallen. He was sweet of manner and pure of character. His useful life has been a benediction to many another. He is greatly missed in the work of the Master's kingdom on earth and in the association of which he was a faithful and useful member and in his home where he leaves anaged wife and dutiful daughter to mourn his going, to whom we express our sympathy.

In his last year, when the heavy hand of affliction was upon him sorely, he attended one of my meetings, and the joy of Heaven was in his noble soul. "I know that but few days intervene between myself and etrnity, but I am so happy in a Savior's love and presence," he said. His testimony to the loving care of the Father for His children moved every heart and strengthened their faith.

Brother Taylor was a great man. Not that his name was heralded far and wide as a preacher, for he was what is sometimes called a corn-field preacher, coming along in that day when the preacher worked in the field for a living and studied God's word at night and then preached on Saturday and Sunday, but he was great because he loved God and his fellowmen; he was great because of his noble, christian character; he was great because of what he stood for and what he did, and he was great because he did his best in the place where God placed him. He is greatest who serves best where he is and uses the powers and opportunities at his command for God's glory and humanity's good, whether he serves in what the world calls a big place or a little one. Such a man was our dear brother who has fallen to sleep Blessings upon his memory.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

We your committee on Sunday school and B. Y. P. U. on nominations report that W. R. Moore be elected associational president for 1921; T. A. Sims, vice-president for district No. 1; W. J. McMullan, vice-president for district No. 2; and W. L. Grafton, vice-president for district No. 3.

J. A. GARDNER.
J. E. GRAHAM.
C. C. ROEBUCK.

QUERIES AND REQUESTS.

Your committee on queries and requests report: We find that Pickney and Sulphur Springs asks for the association in 1921 and that Neshoba, Bluff Springs, Hope, Mt. Sinai, New Blackjack and Ebenezer ask for letters of dismission from the body.

We recommend that the association meet with Sulphur Springs church in 1921 and that letters of dismission be granted churches asking for dismission.

Respectfully,
C. W. McMULLAN, Chairman.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

For printing minutes, postage and clerk's fee	$96.45
Orphanage	17.40
General Association	87.45
Messengers' fund	25.50
Total	$226.50

Submitted.
J. E. GRAHAM, Treasurer.

FINANCE COMMITTEES' REPORT.

Your committee on finance have examined the treasurer's books and find that he

Received	$169.07	
Paid Out	166.32	
Leaving balance on hand		$ 2.75
Received from churches this year		135.80

Orphanage collection	12.65
Total	$151.20

S. M. WARREN.
J. R. SANSING.

NOMINATIONS.

We, your committee on nominations, submit the following:

Brother J. S. Laird preach the next introductory sermon; his alternate, R. K. Cleveland; and W. H. Rainer to preach the annual sermon on missions; G. M. May his alternate.

J. E. GRAHAM, Chairman.

Chairman to write reports, state of religion and fraternal correspondence.

Missions, R. K. Cleveland; Sunday schools, G. M. May; orphanage, J. B. Gibbon; temperance, W. R. Moore; Christian education, R. M. McMullan; Baptist hospitals, W. H. Rainer; publications, J. S. Laird; queries and requests, J. E. Graham; W. M. U., Miss Mammie Taylor.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.

R. K. Cleveland, P. O., Little Rock, Miss.
T. H. Sims, P. O., Little Rock, Miss.
W. H. Rainer, P. O., Little Rock, Miss.
J. S. Laird, P. O., Little Rock, Miss.
H. O. White, P. O., Decatur, Miss.
J. A. Gardner, P. O., Dixon, Miss.
D. M. Stroud, P. O., Lake, Miss.
Wm. Yarborough, P. O., Lawrence, Miss.
G. M. May, P. O., Lawrence, Miss.
R. M. McMullan, P. O., Newton, Miss.
F. W. Gunn, P. O., Chunky, Miss.
D. B. Cannon, P. O., Chunky, Miss.
E. W. Breland, P. O., Haze, Miss.
W. F. Grafton, P. O., Haze, Miss.
F. M. Breland, P. O., Philadelphia, Miss.
C. C. White, P. O., Philadelphia Miss.
W. L. Collins, P. O., Union, Miss.
I. H. Hailey, P. O., Union, Miss.
A. J. Wells, P. O., Union, Miss.

Luther Commins, P. O., Dixon, Miss.
T. D. Guess, P. O., Durant, Miss.
C. A. Crawford, P. O., Decatur, Miss.
N. B. Hammond, P. O., Newton, Miss.

LICENTIATES.

G. W. Brantley, P. O., Walnut Grove, Miss.
J. S. Giles, P. O., Chunky, Miss.
J. M. Williams, P. O., Newton, Miss.
J. C. Blass, P. O., Hickory, Miss.
H. L. Walden, P. O., Duffee, Miss.
E. D. Wedgeworth, P. O., Newton, Miss.

VOLUNTEERS FOR MISSION WORK.

Agnes Gardner, P. O., Dixon, Miss.
Grace Sadler, P. O., Hickory, Miss.
Agnes Viverett, P. O., Neshoba, Miss.
Alvin McCraw, P. O., Neshoba, Miss.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Association shall consist of delegates chosen by the churches to which they respectfully belong, and shall be styled the Mt. Pisgah Association.

2. Such delegates shall be members in good standing, and no member under church censure shall be allowed a seat in the association.

3. They shall produce letters specifying their appointment by their respective churches, and stating the number baptized, received by letter, restored, dismissed, excommunicated and deceased, during the preceding Associational year, with the total number in fellowship, and such other statistical matters as the Association may direct.

4. This Association shall have a moderator, clerk and treasurer, who shall be annually chosen by a majority of the members present, by ballot or otherwise. Said officers shall fill their respective places, if present, at the succeeding Association, until a new election takes place, and while in office, shall discharge the duties ordinarily incidental to those

offices. Provided, that no one shall hold the office of moderator for more than four consecutive terms.

5. If new churches desire to be admitted into the Association, they shall petition by letter and delegates, and if orthodox and orderly, shall be received, and the moderator shall recognize them by giving their delegates the right hand of fellowship in behalf of the body.

6. Every church shall be allowed two delegates and no more, until her number shall be one hundred; three delegates until it shall exceed one hundred and fifty; then four and no more.

7. The association shall neither answer nor debate any query on Gospel doctrine, except it be merely to explain the Articles of Faith of this Association.

8. Every motion made in order and seconded shall be reduced to writing, if requested by any member, and shall be considered by the Association, except when withdrawn by the mover before discussion.

9. A motion made and lost, shall not be recorded on the minutes unless so ordered at the time.

10. If any proposition or motion under debate contains two or more points, it shall be divided at the request of any member, and the vote taken on each point separately.

11. Only one member shall speak at a time, who shall rise from his seat and address the moderator. He shall confine himself to the subject properly in debate, cast no reflection on the association, or any member thereof, and shall not be interrupted while speaking.

12. No person shall speak more than once upon the same subject till all who may desire to speak thereon have enjoyed that privilege, and not then, without leave of the association.

13. The moderator shall have the privilege of speaking on any question to the body.

14. The moderator shall decide questions of order, but an appeal from such decision may be taken for the whole body, which shall be declared without debate.

15. A majority of the members present shall be necessary to carry any motion or proposition, and the moderator shall vote as any other member when the question is taken; and in case of a tie, the question shall again be put to the asso-

ciation, and if not then decided, the moderator shall then proceed to decide the matter in controversy by lot.

16. Committees shall be nominated by the moderator, subject to the approval of the Association.

17. There shall be no talking or whispering while a brother is speaking.

18. No brother shall finally depart from the Association without leave of the body.

19. The names of the delegates shall be enrolled by the clerk and called over when necessary.

20. The minutes shall be carefully read and corrected, if necessary, and signed by the moderator and clerk before the association rises.

21. A motion of final adjournment shall be construed to involve the previous reading and adjustment of the minutes.

22. The Association shall be opened with prayer.

23. The rules of order shall be distinctly read by order from the moderator, as soon as the Association convenes on Monday.

24. The foregoing articles shall be subjected to alteration or amendment by any regular meeting of the association by a majority of the Association.

ABSTRACTS OF FAITH—PREAMBLE.

We, the messengers of regular Baptist churches of Jesus Christ, who have been regularly baptized upon the profession of our faith, and convinced of the utility of maintaining a correspondence for the preserving of union amongst churches of the same faith, form ourselves into an Association upon the following principles, viz:

1. We believe in one Triune God, the Father, Son and Holy Ghost, the same in essence, equal in power and glory.

2. We believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testament were given by the inspiration of God, and are the only rules of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the fall of Adam from his original rectitude, and in him, all his posterity in consequence of which we inherit a fallen and depraved nature, consequently the Scriptural doctrine to the total depravity of human nature, and of man's inability to restore himself into the favor of God.

4. We believe that God hath loved His people with an everlasting love; that He chose them in Christ before the foundation of the world; that He calleth them with a holy and effectual calling and being justified alone through the righteousness of Christ, imputed to them, are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation.

5. We believe there is one Mediator between God and man the man Jesus—who, by the satisfaction He made to the law and justice, in becoming an offering for sin, hath, by His most precious blood, become the end of the Law for righteousness to every one that believeth.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the truth—that He has commanded it to be preached to every creature and requires all men to repent, believe and obey.

7. We believe that the Gospel is effectual by the operation of the Holy Spirit, and that the sinner, in order to be saved, must be born again.

8. We believe that good works are the fruits of faith and follow after justification, and are evidences of a gracious state; and all believers are bound to obey every command of God from a principle of love.

9. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, a general judgment and the happiness of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

GOSPEL ORDER.

1. We believe the visible Church of Christ is a congregation of persons who have been baptized upon a profession of their faith, and who have given themselves to our Lord; and to one another in brotherly covenant to keep up a Godly discipline agreeable to the teaching of the New Testament.

2. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only Head and Lawgiver of His Church; that the government is with the body, the church, and has equally the right and privilege of each member thereof.

3. We believe that baptism and the Lord's Supper are Gospel ordinances, appointed by Jesus Christ, and are to be continued in the church until His second coming.

4. We believe that the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper are properly administered only by ministers

called of God and set apart to the work by the imposition of hands by a Presbytery of Regular Baptist ministers.

5. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and that believers in Christ are the only proper subjects.

6. We believe that none but regularly baptized church members have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

7. We believe that it is the duty and privilege of all believers to make a public confession of their faith, to submit to the ordinances of the Gospel and give themselves as members to the visible church.

8. We believe it to be the duty of every church to expel from her communion every member that holds doctrines contrary to the Scriptures.

OBJECTS AND POWERS OF THE ASSOCIATION.

1. The Association acknowledges and maintains that each church is an independent body and possesses the sole right to exercise and control its own affairs; and therefore this Association has no right or power to interfere with the internal rights and privileges of churches composing its body, but may withdraw from any church which may hold false doctrine, or tolerate immoral practice.

2. The objects of this Association shall be to promote fellowship and harmony among the churches; to inquire into any difficulties between the churches, and remove them, if possible; to give the churches the best advice it can in difficult matters, when solicited, and in general, to advance the interest of the Redeemer's kingdom in any way they may deem practical.

3. With regard to the benevolent institutions in our country, we desire it to be the inalienable right of every association; of every church, of every individual member of a church, to support them according to their own views of duty and dictates of their consciences; and the right shall never be called in question in this Association. And any motion whereby the rights is called in question shall instantly be ruled out by the moderator, as being unconstitutional.

4. This Association may maintain a friendly correspondence with other religious bodies of the same faith.

5. Ministers of the Gospel in good standing, though not

delegates, may be invited to seats in the association, but not to have the privilege of voting.

6. The Association may appoint any person or persons by and with their consent, to transact any business they deem necessary.

7. The Association may adjourn to any time and place they think proper.

8. The Association shall keep a record of the proceedings, and have them printed when necessary.

9. The Association shall have a fund, and appoint a treasurer to take charge of it, who shall account to the Association for all moneys which shall come into his hands for the use of the Association.

10. The Association shall form their own By-Laws and regulate their own proceedings in such a manner as they may think expedient.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

Churches	Superintendents	Secretaries	Postoffices	No. of Teachers	No. of Pupils	Av. Attendance	No. Church Mem.	Baptisms for S.S.	Kind of Literature	Graded	No. Diplomas
Bulah	T. A. Sims	J. E. Graham	Decatur								
Bluff Springs	R. M. Milling	B. Pilgrim	Neshoba	6	59				Baptist		
Cross Roads	H. B. Thornton	Alice Thornton	Stratton	7	50	25	27		Baptist	Yes	
Center Ridge	T. J. Jolly	Alice Jolly	Chunky	5	51	26	27	3	Baptist		1
Chunky	J. M. Edwards	Mabel Harris	Chunky	8		36	30	3	Baptist		
County Line	A. A. Winstead	F. Edwards							Baptist		
Dixon	H. Y. Gordon			3					Baptist		
Good Hope	B. Everett	Ruby Gunn	Hickory	2	30	15			Baptist		
Hopewell	A. L. Scott	R. W. Miller	Duffee	6	67		30	5	Baptist	Yes	
Hazle	H. C. Rush	J. J. Ware	Lake	5	70	40	30	7	Baptist		
High Hill	W. O. Hutson	B. Arnold	Dixon	5	57		25		Baptist		
Hickory			Hickory	8	100				Baptist		
Little Rock	J. W. Smith	Bessie Riner	Little Rock	8	60	50	35		Baptist		
Midway	W. J. McMullan	Med'e McMullan	Newton	3	24	12	15		Baptist		2
Mt. Pleasant	B. F. James	M. F. Armstrong	Hickory	8	64	38		10	Baptist		
Neshoba	C. M. McCraw	F. Viverett	Neshoba	14	114	43	42	13	Baptist	Yes	5
Rock Branch	J. B. Cleveland			10	50	35	25		Baptist		
Stratton	R. E. Horn	Nellie McMullan	Decatur	9	50	35	3	2	Baptist	Yes	
Sardis (Sc'tt Co.)	J. O. Gardner			4	54				Baptist		
Union (Scott Co.)	R. M. Beasley	M. Bailey	Hopeville	5	27				Baptist		
Union (New'n Co.	W. R. Moore	Georgia Rowzee	Union	12	244	100	133	14	Baptist		

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Church	Members	$75,000 Campaign	Home Use	State Missions	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	Orphanage	Personal Service	Total	President	Postoffice
Center Ridge	7	$50 00	$48 94					$1 00	$100 25	Mrs. J. M. Wells	Chunky
Chunky	10							2 50	190 00	Mrs. J. C. McGee	Chunky
Hazle	7			5 00	2 00		17 70	1 00	25 70	Mrs. J. J. Ware	Lake
Hickory	30	273 00	17 00	14 50	20 25	6 25	20 00		351 00	Mrs. J. A. Gallaspy	Hickory
Mt. Pleasant	17	317 00			6 71	3 00	14 00	15 00	355 71	Mrs. L. H. Sadler	Hickory
Neshoba	18	183 00	79 00				23 00	2 50	287 50	Mrs. J. L. Viverette	Neshoba
Oakland	10	45 00	7 05	8 50			50 00	1 00	111 55	Mrs. J. T. Giles	Chunky
Pleasant Ridge	9	11 00	10 00				10 00	1 00	32 00	Mrs. I. W. Sadler	Chunky
Union	25							3 00	3 00	Mrs. I. H. Gallaspy	Union
Decatur	10									Mrs. J. J. Gaines	Decatur
Bulah	10									Miss Mamie Bynum	Decatur
Bulah Auxiliary											
Union G. A.	30										
Union Sunbeams	50									Miss Mamie Taylor	Union
Neshoba Sunb's	30									Mrs. Z. C. Hagan	Union
Dixon Sunbeams	20									Miss Nora Viverette	Neshoba
Hickory Sunb's	13									Miss Agnes Gordon	Dixon
										Miss Ruby King	Hickory

CHURCH STATISTICS.

Church	County	Clerk	Postoffice	Pastor	Baptized	Rec'd. by Letter	Restored	On Statement	Dism. by Letter	Excluded	Erased	Dead	Total	Members	Lacenthiates	Minutes Wanted	Time of Meeting
Bulah	Newton	J. E. Graham	Decatur	R. L. Breland	13							2	204	3			1st
Beat Line	Newton	Allgood	Decatur													12	
Bluff Springs	Neshoba	Gus Tillman	Union	E. Breland	10	7	1	1					85			16	1st
Cross Roads	Newton	W. F. Mann	Decatur	J. E. Chapman	1	9							53			24	4th
Chunky	Newton	M. G. Tatum	Chunky	M. O. Patterson	6	12			8				160			35	3rd
Center Ridge	Newton	J. S. Wells	Duffee	W. F. Gunn	8	2	2						62			25	4th
County Line	Newton	S. M. Sansing	Union	J. S. Laird	6	1	1		6				32			12	4th
Cedar Grove	Newton	W. L. Gibbs	Newton	G. M. May	2	16			3	1			31	2		13	1st
Decatur	Newton	Q. Q. Graham	Decatur	R. A. Venable	4	4						2	200			20	2nd
Dixon	Neshoba	J. H. Germany	Philadelphia	J. A. Gardner	16	1			7				79	1		12	4th
Ebenezer	Newton	J.W. Richardson	Lawrence	R. K. Cleveland		3			2				56			25	3rd
Ephesus	Scott	J. D. Myers	Forest	Wm. Yarborough		2			2				69			13	
Good Hope	Scott	T. E. Davis		R. C. Folk	3	2			2				95			13	
Good Hope	Newton	W. C. William	Hickory	F. W. Gunn	6	3			4			1	54			16	
Hopewell	Newton	J.W. Williamson	Little Rock	W. L. Collins	6	3	1		6				136			30	2nd
Hazle	Newton	H. C. Rush	Lake	R. L. Breland	15	6		1					139			20	2nd
Hebron	Newton	W. R. Jones	Little Rock	A. B. Culpepper	1	5			2		1	2					
High Hill	Neshoba	L. W. Bruner	Dixon	G. M. May	18	6			2				157	4		20	3rd
Hickory	Newton	J. A. Brown	Hickory		18	6			4							20	4th
Little Rock	Newton	J. W. Smith	Little Rock	J. E. Breland	6	8			1							24	3rd
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba	B. B. Allen	Philadelphia	F. M. Breland	1								50	1		10	3rd
Midway	Newton	W. J. McMullan	Newton	S. E. McAdory					1								
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	J. N. Nichols	Chunky	F. W. Gunn	13	2							30	1		12	3rd
New Prospect	Newton	P. H. Sones	Dixon	G. M. May	3	2	1		6				102	2		33	3rd
New Ireland	Newton	S. B. Barfoot	Union	W. L. Collins	2	1			6				83			24	2nd
New Providence	Newton	E. Lindley	Meehan						4		1		92			12	4th

Midway	Newton	W. J. McMullan	Newton	S. E. McAdory					1				30	1		12	3rd
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	J. N. Nichols	Chunky	F. W. Gunn	13	2			6				102	2		33	3rd
New Prospect	Newton	P. H. Sones	Dixon	G. M. May	3	2	1		6				83			24	2nd
New Ireland	Newton	S. B. Barfoot	Union	W. L. Collins	2	1			4		1		92			12	4th
New Providence	Newton	F. Lindley	Meehan						3				42		1		4th
Neshoba	Neshoba	B. W. Walton	Neshoba	R. L. Breland	18	7	2	1	18				147		2		4th
New Blackjack	Neshoba	I. F. Griffin	Philadelphia	F. M. Breland									119			30	4th
Oakland	Newton	J. B. Gibbon	Chunky	R. L. Breland	3				4				86			24	1st
Oak Grove	Newton	W. G. Foster	Duffee	W. H. Rainer	1	1				2			42			12	3rd
Poplar	Newton	L. F. Milling	Conehatta	G. M. May						1		1	42			12	3rd
Pickney	Newton	V. G. Gordon	Union	R. L. Cleveland		1			6		30		30			16	4th
Pine Bluff	Newton	F. L. Gibbs	Newton	J. E. Chapman	3	2			20	1			76			20	4th
Pine Ridge	Newton	N. V. Harrison	Lawrence	R. K. Cleveland	7	1		3					34			10	2nd
Pleasant Ridge	Newton	J. T. Colwell	Decatur	R. C. Folks	2	2			6				73	1		15	4th
Pleasant Hill	Newton	J. E. Bishop	Conehatta	F. M. Breland	7				4				130			24	
Rock Branch	Newton	W. F. Nicholson	Union	R. L. Breland		2			5	2			118			12	3rd
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	Lillie Gibbs	Meehan	R. C. Folk												10	
Salem	Scott	R. A. Rape	Forest	A. A. Kitchen		2						1	35			10	3rd
Sulphur Springs	Scott	J. L. Cloud	Conehatta	J. L. Comans	1				1	1		1	71			16	3rd
Sand Spring	Newton	J. M. William	Newton	E. A. Phillips	1				4			2	88		1	15	4th
Stratton	Newton	T. H. Vance	Newton	H. B. Harrison	3								59			12	2nd
Sardis	Scott	S. M. Warren	Sebastopol	J. M. Spikes	2	4	1		7				96			33	4th
Union	Scott	R. M. Beasley	Harperville	G. O. Parker		4		2	9			1	76			24	4th
Union	Newton	W. R. Moore	Union	S. M. Rogers	14	14			14			5	204	3		32	2-4th

FINANCIAL TABLE.

Church	County	Date Organized	Sunday School	Ministerial Aid	Orphanage	Building Repairs	Incidentials	Foreign Missions	Home Missions	State Missions	Pastor's Salary	Budget	For Ministers	Church Value	W. M. S. Fund
Bulah	Newton		811 18										3 60	2 000	
Beat Line	Newton												1 20		
Bluff Springs	Neshoba			37 91					11 30		92 70		2 35		
Cross Roads	Newton	1880	36 04		4 00	54 00					90 00		3 00	550	
Chunky	Newton			80 88	54 00		21 60				400 00		5 00	2 500	190 00
Center Ridge	Newton										300 00	195 00	3 25	500 00	105 25
County Line	Neshoba	1860											1 50		
Cedar Grove	Newton	1920		2 00									2 00		
Decatur	Newton	1848	5 00	60 00			5 00	50 00			300 00		2 30	1 200	
Dixon	Neshoba			53 66							140 00		1 50	1 000	
Ebenezer	Newton												3 00		
Ephesus	Scott												1 60		
Good Hope	Scott					130 00		18 00	30 00				2 00		
Good Hope	Newton			38 00							300 00		2 60		
Hopewell	Newton												6 00		
Hazle	Newton	1906	15 00	11 50			4 00				200 00		4 00		25 70
Hebron	Newton	1886											5 00		
Hope	Neshoba	1872											2 50		
High Hill	Neshoba												2 50		
Hickory	Newton			70 75							250 00		5 00	2 500	350 00
Little Rock	Newton														
Lawrence	Newton	1917													
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba										150 00		3 00	2 050	
Midway	Newton	1878	8 00	22 00	3 00			5 00	10 00	22 00	80 00		1 15		
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	1913	45 57	52 00	14 00		55 87						1 50	800 00	
New Prospect	Newton			43 45							300 00	516 65	4 00	1 000	355 71

Little Rock	Newton											250 00		5 00	2 500	350 00		
Lawrence	Newton	1917																
Mt. Sinai	Neshoba											150 00		3 00	2 050			
Midway	Newton	1878	8 00	22 00	3 00									1 15				
Mt. Pleasant	Newton	1913	45 57	52 00	14 00		55 87	5 00	10 00	22 00	80 00			1 50	800 00			
New Prospect	Newton			14 15							300 00	516 65		4 00	1 000	355 71		
New Providence	Newton													3 00	2 100			
New Ireland	Newton																	
Neshoba	Neshoba	1877	29 72	60 58			75 51							2 15				
New Blackjack	Neshoba	1896		52 00							360 00	725 63			1 500	280 50		
Oakland	Newton										75 00			3 85	600 00			
Oak Grove											100 00	151 58		2 85	600 00	111 35		
Poplar	Newton													2 00				
Pinckney	Newton													3 00				
Pine Bluff	Newton	1884		15 00		63 00	55	6 00	5 00	13 00				2 00	400 00			
Pine Ridge	Newton			33 45				10 50	10 00		108 00			4 00	1 000			
Pleasant Ridge	Newton			16 00		20 00					15 00			1 50				
Pleasant Hill	Newton		30 50	20 00			75				100 00	35 00				32 10		
Rock Branch	Newton	1871												3 00				
Rock Hill	Lauderdale	1920									300 00			1 50	1 500			
Salem	Scott			37 00										1 15				
Sulphur Springs	Scott			27 75		6 50		6 00	6 00	8 00	144 00	200 00		2 00	800 00			
Sand Spring	Newton			20 65					5 25		100 00	84 00		2 00	875 00			
Stratton	Newton		41 81	36 02			4 00				80 00			2 00	525 00			
Sardis	Scott		18 00	35 00							100 00	113 00		1 50	850 00			
Union	Scott		6 00	40 00							287 00	94 00		4 00				
Union	Newton	1885	107 70	472 25	149 45		50 62			80 51	919 75	2061 90		3 00	1 500			

Union also contributes $15 for Christian Education and $300.80 for other causes, and Hazel gives $10 for Hospitals.